National Water Development Agency

3969. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI :

SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the work done by the National Water Development Agency since its inception in 1982 for initiating inter-basin transfer ;

(b) whether any pilot project has taken off as yet ;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ; and

(d) how much expenditure has been incurred on National Water Development agency during the 18 years of its existence ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY) : (a) to (c) National Water Development Agency has completed 137 water balance studies of basins/sub-basins, 71 water balance studies at diversion points, 74 toposheet studies of storage reservoirs, 37 toposheet studies of link alignments and 31 prefeasibility studies of links out of which 30 links have been identified for preparation of feasibility reports. Feasibility reports of five links have been completed. Implementation of link proposal would depend on various factors like consensus among the States, preparation of detailed project report after completion of feasibility report and availability of funds etc.

(d) NWDA is an autonomous Society and its expenditure is met through grants-in-aid released by the Ministry of Water Resources. The total grants-in-aid released till date is Rs. 10113.42 lakhs.

Request for bringing down the height of Sardar Sarovar Dam

†3970. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan have made a joint request to Government to bring down the height of the Sardar Sarovar Dam by 19 metres;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Nationalisation of Rivers

3971. SHRI GANDHI AZAD : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to nationalise all rivers in the country to help prevent drought and ease drinking water problems; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY) :

(a) and (b) There is no proposal to nationalise the rivers in the country.

Cleaning of Canals in U.P.

†3972. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the bridges constructed over the various canals in the districts of Muzaffarnagar, Azamgarh and Mou have become damaged and the canals remain to be uncleaned ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to get the bridges repaired and the canals cleaned ?

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